

Unhindered

Goodness - 1/27/19

OVERVIEW

If God is so good, why do bad things happen to good people? Why are marriages failing and families being torn apart? Why are depression, addiction, and anxiety steering our lives out of control? If God is good, why can't I see His goodness? So often we measure God's goodness by our circumstances and emotions. Trials come and linger longer than we'd like. It is in these moments we each have to face what we really believe about God and His character. Hear how trusting His goodness beyond our belief and understanding of it can define our future.

Scriptures: Psalm 107:1, Psalm 34:8, Luke 18:19

APPLICATION

1. Share about a time when you have asked the question... If God is good, why has _____ happened.
2. When you think of God, what comes to mind? Are your thoughts positive or negative and why?
3. Jesus says in Luke 18:19 that "no one is good except God alone." Yet looking at our culture and the evil in the world, it might be difficult to believe that God is good. What evidence do you see in the world that indicates that Jesus, in fact, is correct: God is good?
4. Woody says that repentance means turning toward God and away from our sin. Because God is good, He has allowed us a choice to turn from our sin and toward Him. How does repentance demonstrate God's goodness in your life?
5. The assumption that God isn't good is the root of our sin. What keeps you from recognizing that God is good? What is stopping you from repentance?

HOMEWORK: This week, practice seeing God's goodness by spending time with Him. Like Woody talked about his "chair time," take 15 minutes or more each morning and spend it reading the Bible and praying. Ask God to open your eyes to see Him in a new light!